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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE

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1. DARRYL HAN, UNHCR HANOI REPRESENTATIVE, CONFIDED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 22 THAT HE FORESEES NO MOVEMENT OCCURRING ON THE REPATRIATION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 600 VIETNAMESE IN THE U.S. AND THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO VIET NAM UNTIL AFTER REUNIFICATION HAS TAKEN PLACE. THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES DO NOT REGARD THIS ISSUE AS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE AT THIS TIME, HE SAID. HAN NOTED THAT THE UNHCR, AT HIS SUGGESTION, IS CHANGING ITS TACTIC WITH THE VIETNAMESE ON THE MATTER. PREVIOUSLY, THE UNHCR HAS RAISED THE ISSUE IN A VERY GENERAL WAY. SINCE THAT POLICY HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE, IT WANTS NOW TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE VIETNAMESE TO TAKE BACK INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. EVEN WITH THIS APPROACH, HAN IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL SEE ANY MOVEMENT ON THIS QUESTION SOON.

2. HAN NOTED THAT SOME OF THE REPATRIATES ON THE TRUONG TIN I HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE CAMP OUTSIDE NHA TRANG (SEE REFTEL FOR PRIOR REPORT). HE SAID THE VIETNAMESE DIVIDED THE REPATRIATES INTO THREE GROUPS: EX-ARVN WHO RE-
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QUIRE EXTENSIVE RE-EDUCATION, THE "LITTLE PEOPLE" WHO POSE NO THREAT TO THE REGIME, AND DANGEROUS ELEMENTS (INCLUDING

POSSIBLE CIA AGENTS). HE BELIEVES THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE
IN THE PROCESS OF RELEASING MEMBERS OF THE SECOND GROUP AND
SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE
THIRD GROUP.
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